

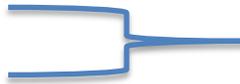


## Parklane Park – Feedback on Three Concepts Summary – March 2020

Nearly 300 people engaged in this round of the design process through a Community Gathering, presentations to groups, and the online comment form.

Feedback was collected in the following ways, which are all summarized in this report:

1. Guerreras Latinas presentation
2. Parklane Park Community Gathering
3. Online comment form
4. Concepts display at Rosewood Initiative
5. Rockwood Boys & Girls Club presentation
6. Oliver-Parklane Community Gardeners presentation



These 3 used same comment form, so feedback combined.

It should be noted that this report reflects the opinions of those who chose to participate. It is not necessarily representative of the broader community. This information, in addition to information provided by Parks staff, will be used to inform the design process for Parklane Park. All input will be shared with the design team and Project Advisory Committee.



### FEEDBACK FROM GUERRERAS LATINAS

This meeting on January 22 was attended by about 20 Latina women who regularly attend this group at the Rosewood Initiative. The presentation and discussion were conducted in Spanish.

Overall, the group desires a park that includes:

- Water play – splash pad or fountain (this came up multiple times, very important!)
- Covered area to provide space for winter/rainy day activities
- Family activities and gathering places
- Walking/running paths for exercise
- Picnic areas of varying sizes, ideally covered, with tables and grills
- Play areas for kids and soccer
- Restrooms and parking

Like any of the concepts that provide walking routes for adults to use for exercise. Would like a picnic shelter that has tables and grills. This is something they seek out to spend time with family and will go to a park that offers these amenities.

Security in parks is needed – sometimes people have negative behavior in parks, which makes them leave if they see people doing things that are unsafe. This is why it's important to have a busy park, so lots of activities going on.

Parking and bathrooms are very important amenities to provide. Prefer the options that show more than one restroom.

Would prefer smaller fountains or splash pads for young kids that provide more of a range of water pressure. The large fountains (such as Salmon Springs in Waterfront Park) are neat, but the water comes out so strong that it is scary and intimidating for young kids to use.

**Exploration and Nature** – like this concept because it is the most natural, features nature as the focus and allows lots of areas for kids to explore and learn. The meadow area especially provides this.

**Central Green** – this seems like the best option for kids – large play area, water play, lots of space for soccer.

**Active Rooms** – like the idea of closed spaces for safety, activities for kids focused in one area  
How can we keep kids active in the winter? They are too tempted to stay inside and play video games. Need healthier options. Covered areas would be good – for kids and adults. A covered basketball court would be useful, especially if it could be used for other activities (kicking balls, Zumba, workouts, etc.)



## FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY GATHERING / ONLINE COMMENT FORM

The second Community Gathering for the Parklane Park project was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Parklane Elementary from 5:30pm – 7:30pm and was attended by about 80 community members. Outreach included emails to the project list, posts on the project website and Parks online calendar, yard signs in the park, flyers distributed to students at Oliver and Parklane Elementary Schools, flyers to nearby park residents, posts on NextDoor.com, and a Facebook event page. Interpretation was provided in Spanish and Russian. The comment form was posted online for about 2 weeks after the event, along with the presentation materials. The three concepts were posted at the Rosewood Initiative for 3 days, along with paper comment forms. A total of **201 comments** were received.

The goal of the community gathering was to gather input from the community about the three design options for the expansion of the park. Boards were posted, and project staff were on hand to guide visitors through the displays and answer questions.

## **SUMMARY OF 201 COMMENT FORMS RECEIVED (71 PAPER, 130 ONLINE):**

### **1. Which type of community gathering space do you prefer: (pick one)**

- Central Green: central plaza with large covered pavilion/stage **37%**
- Exploration & Discovery: 3 small picnic shelters dispersed, 1 large outdoor education area with covered pavilion **35%**
- Active Rooms: 2 covered shelters with adjacent picnic area **26%**
- Don't know / no opinion **4%**

### **2. How should we provide art in the park? (pick one)**

- Central Green: performance space for large events **38%**
- Active Rooms: two shelters for performance art making (community dance, theater, etc) **30%**
- Exploration & Discovery: art sculpture or other permanent installation **22%**
- Don't know / no opinion **2%**
- Other **7%**:
  - Provide both performance space and an art installation (6)
  - No art at all (3)
  - Add performance space to Exploration & Discovery
  - Provide art in other ways: green infrastructure/plants, splash pad, or interactive play equipment as interpretive art/music/performing opportunities
  - Pretty place to draw
  - Keep it clean

### **3. What type of play would you like in the playground? (pick all that apply)**

- Nature play (boulders, sand, water, etc) **60%**
- Modern play (net climbers, mounds, etc) **38%**
- Traditional play (defined play, familiar structures like slides and ramps, etc) **24%**
- Don't know / no opinion **6%**
- Or please describe what you would like:
  - Inclusive/accessible elements for kids of all abilities, including sensory play (6)
  - Combination of all three (5)
  - Mix of traditional and modern (3)
  - Mix of natural and modern (2)
  - Soft rubber surfacing (2)
  - Something for wide range of ages (2)
  - Water play
  - Add natural play to Central Green design
  - Look to Jefferson Park and Seattle Center in Seattle

- Specific features mentioned: xylophones like at Gateway Discovery Park/musical equipment, more swings, net climbers that resemble nature, hills, and nature play like Nadaka Park.
- Like a mix of nature and traditional for all ages.
- Astro turf hills have caused injuries.
- Consider adding fencing around play area to give parents peace of mind
- Need good line of sight – Gateway Discovery Park has multiple areas, and parents can't watch multiple children in multiple areas.
- Would like special features not found at nearby parks.

#### 4. What kind of water play do you prefer? (pick one)

- Active Rooms: splash pad by playground **41%**
- Exploration & Discovery: water play as part of nature play (stream, sand, and water) **28%**
- Central Green: interactive water feature at the central plaza **24%**
- Don't know / no opinion **3%**
- Other **4%**
  - Like Khunamokwst Park – water play with natural elements but also manmade elements that kids can interact with
  - Wading pools or nature play
  - Water fountain feature like Jamison Square
  - Concern about keeping it clean
  - Like interactive water feature, but move it by the playground

#### 5. Which arrangement of sports courts do you prefer? (pick one)

- Active Rooms: 2 tennis courts and 2 multi-sport courts in north, 2 basketball courts in south **43%**
- Central Green: 3 tennis courts in north, 3 basketball courts (1 covered) in south **24%**
- Exploration & Discovery: 2 futsal courts and 2 basketball courts in north **21%**
- Don't know / no opinion **11%**

#### *Why?*

##### **Active Rooms:**

- Diversity of courts – lots of options for many interests and ages (12)
- Multi-sport courts offer a lot of flexibility (4)
- Soccer/futsal are very popular (3)
- Covered courts are important (2)
- Like to play tennis (2)
- Need baseball field, with lights (2)
- Would prefer no courts in north as nearby neighbor (noise concerns) (2)
- Make multisport, otherwise tennis courts will get used for soccer
- Would like to see other sports like pickleball and volleyball
- Courts are spread out
- Would like sand volleyball courts

### **Central Green**

- Need more tennis courts in East Portland. Court at Centennial HS are focused on school use and are in poor condition.
- Current park is used for many sports, so important to provide
- The more basketball courts the better, especially covered (2)

### **Exploration & Discovery**

- Don't think tennis courts will get used – 1 at most (3)
- Like futsal and soccer
- Futsal seems underserved
- Are basketball courts in north far enough away from neighbors?
- Courts are accessible to parking lot and can be accessible from both sides of park
- There are already tennis courts at Glendoveer [note: these are indoor, require fee to use]
- Less courts, more freeform places to play more types of games
- Don't need tennis, definitely soccer and basketball
- Why isn't a softball field included in any? Teams will miss having this space for practice.
- Would like to see a covered court

## **6. Which arrangement of soccer fields do you prefer? (pick one)**

- Active Rooms: 2 artificial turf fields, 1 grass field **34%**
- Central Green: 2 grass soccer fields **28%**
- Exploration & Discovery: 1 grass soccer field **27%**
- Don't know / no opinion **11%**

### **Why?**

Overall, it was noted that soccer is very popular in the neighborhood, so two fields was most desired (Active Room 34% + Central Green 28% = 62% like 2 fields option) but split on all grass or grass/artificial turf. Two people felt we have enough soccer fields elsewhere.

#### **Active Rooms:**

- Artificial turf is preferable for year-round use in our rainy climate (6)
- Turf needs less maintenance (2)
- Has both options (grass and turf) (2)
- Provides more fields, more use
- Soccer is very popular so this provides most options.

#### **Central Green**

- Prefer natural grass (5)
- Grass fields are more multipurpose – can use for soccer, frisbee, picnic, etc (2)
- Don't like artificial turf
- Must have large team areas
- What about baseball?
- Has two fields, so could have multiple games happening for league or tournament
- Room to watch soccer matches from hill on other side of pavilion seating
- Grass costs less than turf but is still nice.

- More of a park feel. Artificial turf would bring leagues and heavier burden on traffic, less potential local community use.

### ***Exploration & Discovery***

- Prefer natural grass (2)
- No lights on fields (2)
- Don't like artificial turf
- 1 field is enough
- Add baseball
- More areas for freeform play or multi-use (can use grass for soccer or picnic)

## **7. Which dog off-leash area do you prefer? (pick one)**

- Central Green: small and large dog area by north entrance **29%**
- Exploration & Discovery: combined dog area on west side **26%**
- Active Rooms: small and large dog area in northwest corner **26%**
- Don't know / no opinion **11%**

### ***Why?***

Overall, commenters seemed to prefer the idea of separate areas for small and large dogs (Active Room 26% + Central Green 29% = 55%). Fourteen people wrote in that they preferred separated areas, while only three wrote in that they thought one combined area was fine. Other write-in comments included: keep away from playground area, covered area, keep it clean, fence the area, and no lights.

#### ***Active Rooms:***

- Offers separate areas for small and big dogs
- Don't have to walk through the area to enter the park (like Central Green)
- Close to parking

#### ***Central Green***

- Biggest area of the three (5)
- Has separate areas for big and small dogs
- Make it smaller – like location, but too big (3)
- Close to parking (2)
- Flows well

#### ***Exploration & Discovery***

- Farther from homes
- Small area – combined

## **8. Which location do you like best for the skate park? (pick one)**

- East side of park by schools **39%**
- Don't know / no opinion **34%**
- West side of park, northwest of play area **26%**

## **Why?**

This had the largest “don’t know / no opinion” response.

### **General comments:**

- Ask schools about preferred location
- Don’t put near dog park
- Make it visible for police and park rangers
- Design it for all wheels (skate, scooter, and BMX bikes)
- Most Portland skate parks offer street skating, need more bowls and ramps
- Build a street skate park please
- Asphalt pump tracks in Hood River, Salem, and Bend are popular for bikes, skates, scooters.
- Build skate park with lots of room for BMX bikes

### **West side:**

- Best for parents if they have kids of multiple ages using skate park and playground (4)
- Less disruptive to school (3)
- Closer to noisy street
- More tucked away
- Pool would be better on east side by larger parking lot (in Central Green)

### **East side:**

- Close to school is good for students to use after school (6)
- Less noisy for park neighbors (3)
- Farther from playground – seems safer and less likely for skaters to use playground (3)
- Away from animal areas

## **9. Which option do you prefer overall? (pick one)**

- Central Green **37%**
- Exploration & Discovery **32%**
- Active Rooms **31%**

## **10. What is your second choice? (pick one)**

- Central Green **40%**
- Active Rooms **33%**
- Exploration & Discovery **26%**

## **Why?**

### **Central Green**

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Overall design:

- Open space, wide open grass, circuitous design, more options, bigger capacity

- Lots of natural green space, with space to support local art, performance, and other community activities.
- Seems to have the biggest area with nothing on it, more potential for growth.
- Both Central Green and Active Rooms feel very large, and they offer more physical activities that kids love. As a mother of 3 kids, ages 3-12, that is what attracts my attention.
- We need a sense of community in East Portland, this design feels more community focused
- It feels more like an open community space than the others, which feel more like pockets of people doing their own thing with completely separate interests.
- I like that you could hold big community events like movies or concerts or theater in the park.
- I'd like to see the stage used by community members for art, yoga, movies, concerts.

#### Layout / amenities:

- Central community gathering space, nice amphitheater built into a hill, view of Mt. Hood, stage and terraced seating for events.
- Central loop for walking (good for elderly)
- Water feature, community garden, open lawn, tennis, skate park
- Off-leash areas are big – lots of dogs in neighborhood, separate areas are good
- Easy to see all amenities, good sight lines with center circle
- Kids play is easily accessible, play areas strung together
- Tennis courts in north (quieter), 3 basketball courts, like basketball on south side
- Best skate park space, skate park to east, near parking lot.
- One major parking lot near schools/east side
- Multi-use, not just geared for soccer
- Density of trees, seems to have most trees, especially around perimeter, lots of natural green space, other options don't show trees in parking lot
- Offers a reason to explore and discover all of the nature.

#### Changes or concerns

- Would prefer turf field
- NW parking not big enough for future aquatic center
- Water play area and basketball courts are too close to the stage (noise).
- Needs greenspace for the childless adults that's not athletic-focused.
- Would like ideas of E&D included, such as the elevational change and the outdoor ed pavilion. Turn the performance stage in CG into the wet meadow / outdoor ed pavilion – double duty.
- Add nature play to Central Green.
- No provisions in this design for picnic areas. The park is used frequently for this purpose. Don't take away what is already successful.
- Not into tennis
- Community gathering can look many ways. Focusing on a large central green space makes sense as it allows events to happen. Reservation process may be a barrier to some community members. Think about cultural ways groups gather outside of just events. Allot more space to playing and learning (intergenerational knowledge exchange) rather than just large events.
- Don't like dog park on both sides of north entrance.

- Add distance markers to track mileage on walking loop
- Would like performance area with stage AND a covered picnic area.
- Covered play area
- Needs a little parking close to community garden

### ***Active Rooms***

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#### Overall design:

- Best for school, neighborhood
- Different activities, less lawn-centric, plenty of space for all to play sports and be healthy, safe
- Offers most for many needs, space for everything, accommodates more age ranges, whole family
- No noise conflicts
- Better for parents caring for their children. The design is more attractive and appealing to kids.
- Art for those who don't like physical activity. Fields for the physical. Space for large events for the community to enjoy.
- I can have many reasons to go and use the same big space. Sometimes to workout, sometimes to bird watch, sometimes to lay on the grass and have a picnic.
- Love rubber surfacing in playground.

#### Layout/amenities:

- Dog off-leash area and community gardens are both close to parking
- Walkways align with street grid, lots of walking space, layout
- Need safe place to run, as there no sidewalks nearby for safe running.
- Turf fields important for no mud.
- Picnic areas/shelters, splash pad, shaded play area, large skate park, 2<sup>nd</sup> best skate park
- Most diverse, large variety of sports courts.
- 2 parking lots – most parking of all 3, on both ends – good amount, like parking by school
- No splash pad nearby, but sandbox and nature play are already provided at Nadaka Park.
- Need covered areas for winter months
- Appears to have most trees.

#### Changes or concerns:

- Don't have it to be so busy with sports that there's no room for play/water use.
- Bathrooms should be conveniently located
- Make fields natural grass, not turf
- Too many soccer fields, skatepark too large.
- Would like to bring in natural area to this design.
- Too active – what if I don't want to be active in the park?
- Less a place to spend the day and more a place to do the one thing you came to do and leave.
- Prefer Central Green for its basketball location and amphitheater area.
- Consider putting play closer to school.
- Design is too square – prefer energy of circles.
- Don't like parking next to school – safety concerns.
- Switch parking lot and play area.

- A bit less parking.
- Include bioswales and water reclamation across the park.
- Add adult exercise along pathways.
- Some people like nature and walking more than sports.

### ***Exploration and Discovery***

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#### Overall design:

- Our schools do not have natural areas, turf field, covered courts, or tennis.
- Discoverability and variation, most interest for our kids, less traditional
- More nature, less space given to fields and dogs. East PDX needs trees, not wide open fields.
- We are starved for nature, we want to feel like we are in the specific place of Portland with specific plants and seasonal conditions.
- Focuses best on those uses for which a park is primarily beneficial: relaxation and interacting with nature, we need to allow a space for nature to grow, and us as humans a space to learn.
- Feels progressive to the future, addresses climate change, tranquil, good for nurturing the soul
- Natural area important for migrating geese
- Encourages visitors to learn about space, develop their own uses, outdoor ed
- Like that it is flowing and circuitous, similar to Central Green
- I don't want my neighborhood to be solid houses.
- I like the idea for a more interactive space with a place for native habitat.
- Fan of nature and wildlife, ecology, gravel walks, and green space over sports and concrete.

#### Layout and amenities:

- Pathways have the best flow, like organic shapes, walking loop, look useful and fun
- Peaceful layout but lots of space for play and recreation.
- Natural play area, like natural water play areas, lots of play options, and wet meadow boardwalk
- Plants and trees for habitat, frogs
- Use of native grasses and plants
- Like this set of amenities best.
- Dogs can have a closed space.
- Like the idea of one small parking area, smaller than Central Green's parking area.
- Like the presence of hills and mounds.
- Possibility of focusing art education on climate and resilience

#### Changes / concerns:

- Not enough restrooms
- Don't think the wetland is necessary. May be wonderful, don't understand it.
- No wetland, ornamental plantings to attract older generation.
- Sanitation concerns with natural water features.
- Like nature areas but would like to add a splash pad.
- People can go to other areas suitable for natural experiences (doesn't have to be here).

- It is important that the community have different options and not leave spaces for bad habits, like places to hide to do drugs (could be the case with E&D). The community is diverse – many families and children who need active spaces (prefer Active Rooms or Central Green).
- I wish the natural area was placed less centrally so there would be less disturbance, and I'm a little concerned about mosquitoes in a "wet meadow" and boardwalk seems expensive to maintain.
- I don't like the formal arrangement of all the trees.
- Very small dog park, not divided by big/small.
- Feels cordoned off from everything else.
- Does not offer enough play options, not the type that kids in our area want. A mix of both Active Rooms and Exploration & Discovery might work. Or maybe this community needs more nature.
- Widen loop around green and add mileposts for folks wanting to walk a defined distance while children play nearby
- Parking lot and dog areas are smallest.
- Not a fan of nature play
- Afraid of vandalism, especially to art
- Like the idea and drawings, but I worry without set activity areas, the park won't get as much use from community members
- Concerned there is enough picnic, group outing gathering/sitting places.
- Needs covered play or sports areas for rainy days.
- Basketball courts too close to houses (noise)

**11. Is there anything else you would like us to know? (59 comments were received – below are summaries of comments by themes)**

**Amenities/Features:**

- Community garden – good to have more garden not on school grounds, needs parking nearby, add things to make it attractive (native bushes, pollinator plants, and fruit trees), need bigger community garden as Portland gets more dense.
- Community identity – no areas currently provide a central community meeting place or focal point. Add signage that says Centennial Neighborhood to add sense of identity and pride.
- Courts:
  - Pickleball courts are more accessible than having all tennis.
  - Futsol courts are a great idea.
  - Covered basketball court would get a lot of use.
  - Need all activities – who plays tennis?
- Fields:
  - Artificial turf seems expensive.
  - Need fields with lighting.
  - Oppose lighting and turf fields as this will impact neighborhood livability.
- Events:
  - Need a park for community events, with stage, big parking, and area for vendors.
  - All larger parks need both a performance area/stage AND a covered picnic space.
  - Parking to match large events.

- Are there enough restrooms for 25 acres? Are they large enough?
- Would really like a workout circuit and looped path for joggers.
- Parking lot, dog park, or skate park right outside school fence may be a distraction.
- Go with larger dog park – lots of dogs in community, with fences.
- Parking:
  - Less parking, more park
  - Need bike parking
  - Parking entry/exits combined with unusual street layout could be problem
  - Concerned that entry to parking lot could be a safety concern for students walking
  - Like parking lots on both ends. More parking is needed.
- Need pathways with both north/south and east/west routes.
- Like meandering pathways.
- Need park to appeal to older kids – there isn't much out there for them.
- Aquatic center is greatly needed – only one east of I-205 and packed to the gills.
- Would be amazing to get a splash pad.

#### **Picnic:**

- Would like to be able to rent/permit access to power outlets and a sink.
- Picnic tables are already heavily used in summer with nearly all tables in use. Add BBQ grills?
- Wish for more covered shelters and picnic areas for parties.
- Want picnic tables near Main Street area of park.
- Would like small picnic shelters near playground.

#### **Safety/Accessibility:**

- Keep people with disabilities in mind – make all areas, including play, accessible.
- Need more security – have observed drug use at the park.
- Need adequate lights in park and on sidewalks near the park.
- Make entry / driveway more prominent.
- Concerned about traffic speeds around the park. Need speed bumps on Millmain and sidewalks on SE 151<sup>st</sup> Ave.

**Thank you / excited / waited a long time:** Fifteen people wrote in about their excitement that this is finally happening and how many have been waiting for decades for this park.

#### **Trees/Environment/Habitat:**

- Have a residence near park, so looking for trees and shrubs to help keep noise down.
- Lots of shade trees and covered areas for hot sunny days.
- More large-form trees and maximize space for large trees.
- Figure out how to keep some of the pond area that birds have come to rely on.
- Worried about a seasonal wetland area (or year-round?). Not excited if the water would bring geese and have problems with poop similar to Waterfront and Blue Lake Park.
- Consider climate change and the history of this land and people who have lived here.
- Keep as much natural area left as possible.

## Please tell us about yourself:

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### I am age:

- under 16 years **4%**
- 16-24 years **5%**
- 25-34 years **20%**
- 35-44 years **35%**
- 45-59 years **24%**
- 60-79 years **12%**
- 80 & over **1%**

### I identify as:

- female **65%**
- male **32%**
- genderqueer / androgynous **1%**
- transgender male **1%**
- transgender female **0%**
- other **2%**

### I identify as: (check all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native **3%**
- Asian **3%**
- Black or African American **4%**
- Hispanic or Latino/a/x **13%**
- Middle Eastern/North African **1%**
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander **2%**
- Slavic/Eastern European **6%**
- White **71%**
- Decline/don't want to answer **6%**
- Unknown/don't know **1%**
- Other **5%**

### Do you or a family member live with a disability or identify as a disabled person?

- Yes **20%**
- No **80%**

### If yes, please describe the nature of you and/or your family member's disability. Please check all that apply.

- Mobility (e.g. walking, climbing stairs) **42%**
- Mental health (e.g. anxiety, PTSD) **31%**
- Invisible (e.g. diabetes, HIV, cancer) **29%**
- Intellectual or developmental (e.g. Down syndrome, fragile X syndrome) **27%**
- Cognitive (e.g. traumatic brain injury, learning disabilities) **22%**
- Prefer to describe **20%**:
  - Use wheelchair, autism, ADHD, low muscle tone and coordination, sensory seeking, no disability but please consider integrating play areas specific to children with disabilities
- Visual (e.g. blind, low vision) **11%**
- Deaf or hard-of-hearing **7%**
- Prefer not to disclose **2%**

### Regarding residence, I

- own **69%**
- live with my parents **7%**
- rent **24%**
- other **1%**

**How far do you live from Parklane Park? (pick one)**

- Five blocks or less **36%**
- Less than one mile **27%**
- More than one mile **37%**

**How often do you visit Parklane Park? (pick one)**

- Every day or every other day **9%**
- Once or twice a week **25%**
- Once or twice a month **20%**
- A few times a year **28%**
- Never **17%**

**How many children under age 18 live with you?**

- 0 **44%**
- 1-2 **44%**
- 3-4 **10%**
- 5 or more **2%**

**What are their ages? (check all that apply):**

- 0-2 years **17%**
- 3-6 years **28%**
- 7-10 years **33%**
- 11-14 years **21%**
- 15-18 years **19%**
- n/a **32%**

**How did you hear about this?**

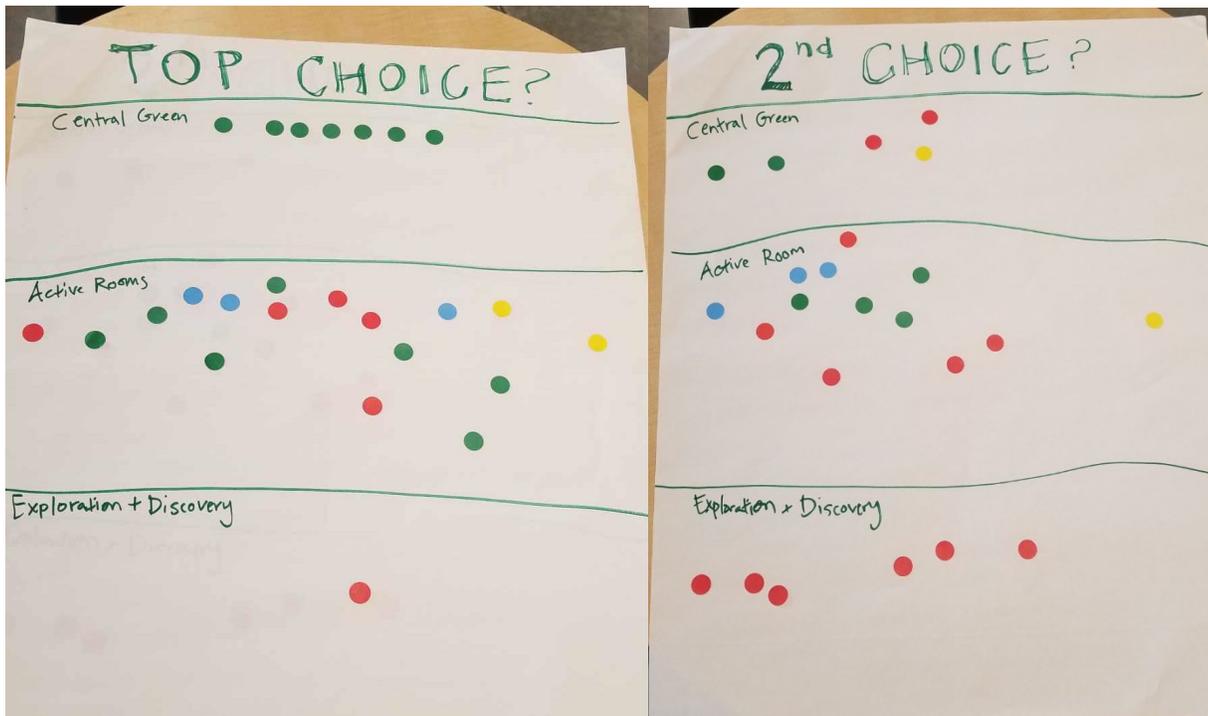
- Facebook event page **36%**
- Email **25%**
- Flyer **22%**
- Other **17%**
  - Rosewood Initiative (17), School/PTO (8), Slavic Family Media / radio (4), East Portland Action Plan, Skate Like a Girl PDX, PAC member, have a community garden, neighborhood app, PP&R webpage
- Friend / neighbor / family member **19%**
- NextDoor.com **11%**
- Yard sign in park **4%**



## FEEDBACK FROM ROCKWOOD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

On February 24, Maija Spencer (PP&R staff) and Benjamin Lostheart (Parklane PAC member and Boys & Girls staff) presented the three concepts to 4 groups of Rockwood Boys & Girls Club participants, broken up by grade level (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, and high schoolers). Each group had about 6-10 participants. After viewing the concepts, club members asked questions and wrote down comments.

They also participated in a dot exercise to select their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> picks overall. Active Rooms was their favorite option overall (17), followed by Central Green.



## **Boys & Girls Club comments:**

### **Dogs:**

- Dog park should be fenced
- Like that there is a place in all concepts for dogs to be off-leash
- There should be benches in the off-leash area for owners if they want to sit down

### **Splash pad/water:**

- Like the water areas in all concepts – this is a must!

### **Sport fields:**

- More soccer fields! Soccer was very popular with all ages.

### **Playground:**

- Add a tire swing to the playground
- Would like more swings
- I would like a super air trampoline where the pool will be.
- Likes natural climbing structure shown in Exploration & Discovery.
- Add nature play to the playground.

### **Comments about the concepts:**

- I like the nature structures and the aquatics. The shaded and water area would be best in the summer and hot weather.
- Likes Central Green best – but bring in the nature theme, so it's a mix of Central Green and Exploration & Discovery. Central Green is perfect and a great idea! Kids and the community would super appreciate it a lot!
- I like the idea of lots of open space.
- Central Green has the movie in the park vibe, nothing like that in this area. Great way to bring community together.
- Why are the exercise stations only shown in one concept (Exploration & Discovery)?
- Why aren't there more bathrooms? How will they stay clean? Some parks do not have clean ones.
- I like that the concepts have growing places [community gardens].
- I really like the skate park!!
- Popular elements among 1/2<sup>nd</sup> graders: splash pad, soccer, wood climbing structure, swimming pool or water feature, 3 fields for soccer (Active Rooms), and places to sit in the sun/picnic.
- Suggesting moving community garden to a more central place so people can enjoy seeing what's growing in it.
- Likes Exploration & Discovery because it offers paths more like hiking trails with things to see.



## FEEDBACK FROM OLIVER-PARKLANE COMMUNITY GARDENERS

This meeting on February 29 was attended by community gardeners who currently have plots at the Oliver-Parklane Community Garden, which is a PP&R-run garden on Centennial School District property, directly east of the vacant portion of Parklane Park. Attendees included two English speakers, three Spanish speakers, and seven Mien speakers. The meeting was conducted in English, Spanish, and Mien.

Overall, the preferred option of the whole group was Central Green, followed by Active Rooms. Exploration & Discovery was not picked by any of the gardeners as a #1 or #2 preference.

Notes from discussion:

- Central Green was the favored option as the gardeners liked all the amenities and layout.
  - They described it as feeling homey and cozy. They could see themselves using the spaces with their extended family beyond just the community garden. They described bringing their grandkids to use the playground and sports activities. They would also invite their church to come to potluck and picnic together.
  - Active Rooms felt like it would be too busy and would draw people from a larger area, coming just for sports. Felt less community-oriented.
- It's important to provide a space for seniors to walk, and for adults, there needs to be areas to be active/exercise while watching their kids.
- Community garden design input:
  - Would like a covered area with tables and seating near the garden – need shade during the summer. Would use for gatherings at the garden (work parties, potlucks, etc).
  - A BBQ/grill area would also be great!
  - Would like to have larger garden plots in the new garden – 800 sq ft (double plots) so they can grow more things. Many would consider moving to the new garden if this became available.
  - Would like the new and old gardens to be combined and have a taller fence. Currently, they experience a lot of vandalism and theft in the garden, because people can easily

jump the short fence to tear out or steal vegetables. It has even happened when some of them are working in the garden, and this can feel unsafe.

- Would like the community garden to be as large as possible (the concepts all show varying sizes).
- Would like the parking to be near the garden – helpful if they are bringing tools, etc to the garden.